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Mail Stop Amendment

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REPLY TO ACTION OF MARCH 27, 2008

In reply to the Office Action of March 27, 2008, Applicants submit the following remarks.

Claims 1-7 and 9 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as allegedly being anticipated by Thomas et al. (U.S. Patent No. 7,165,863, "Thomas"). Claim 8 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Thomas.

The present application is a U.S. National Stage application of International Application No. PCT/DE2005/000143, which was filed on January 31, 2005. International Application No. PCT/DE2005/000143 claims priority to German Patent Application No. 10 2004 004 777.4, which was filed on January 30, 2004. Applicants therefore believe that the claims of the present application is entitled to a priority date of January 30, 2004. The official Filing Receipt for the present application acknowledges these priority claims by Applicants.

The present Office Action does not indicate whether or not a certified copy of German Patent Application No. 10 2004 004 777.4 has been made available to the Examiner. However, Applicants have previously received a 371 Acceptance Letter from the Office, dated March 21, 2007, indicating that a certified copy of the above priority document was received from the International Bureau on July 25, 2006. Moreover, Applicants have checked Public PAIR, and note that a certified copy of the priority document is available electronically in the present application's Image File Wrapper. Applicants therefore assume that the certified copy of the

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